
City of Ridgecrest CO Summary Photo Report January 11-13, 2010

A) Businesses with bins for recycling

Board staff observed most of the City's commercial sections. There are approximately 840 business within the City.

Pictures 1-2: As of June 1, 2010, 279 of the commercial businesses have been provided dumpsters for recycling.



B) Businesses with recycling carts

Pictures 1-2: As of June 1, 2010, 90 commercial businesses with totter service are using 90 gallon carts for collecting recyclables due to space considerations and amounts generated. Minimal contamination was observed at these locations.

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These carts were behind a sporting goods store in a back alley. The chains are there to secure the carts from scavengers and are removed prior to pick-up based on franchise hauler's driver. Additional carts were nearby to service the additional businesses.

B) Businesses that need recycling carts or bins (cont'd.)

Pictures 3-4: Staff observed business that did not have recycling carts or bins. There are significant amounts of recyclables observed in these trash bins.

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C) Residential Recycling

Residential units received 96 gallon waste and mixed recycling carts.

Pictures 1-4: The set out rate for residential recycling is approximately 80 percent (80%). Staff did not observe any intentional contamination.

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C) Residential Recycling (continued)

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Staff observed several overfilled recycling carts during the site visit.

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Picture 4 depicts a resident that is assumed to be against the residential curbside recycling and waste collection program. JCA program staff observed other similar instances of protest.

D) Ridgecrest/Inyokern Landfill

Pictures 1-2: Staff visited the landfill to observe the franchise hauler's commercial trash loads. There was a significant amount of cardboard in all loads. On this occasion, staff estimates that at least one third was clean cardboard (pictures 1-2).

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E) Ridgecrest/Inyokern Landfill Surface (self-haul)

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Picture 3: Although Ridgecrest is not the only jurisdiction being served by this landfill, it is evident by the working face that significant amount of recyclables are being disposed.

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Picture 4: During staff's site visit, staff observed self-haulers disposing of materials using City of Ridgecrest recycling and waste carts. The source of the material is not known. This photo also shows a significant amount of cardboard and other recyclables placed by other haulers directly onto the working face during the visit.

E) Ridgecrest/Inyokern Landfill Surface (cont'd.)

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Picture 5: Additional self-haul waste materials, with high recycle value, disposed at the self-haul drop-off area.

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Picture 6: Franchise Hauler residential load. This load contained a significant amount of recyclables including, but not limited to, cardboard, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, metal cans, plastic buckets, and greenwaste.

F) Mini Recycling Center

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Picture 2: The three compartment trailer provides relatively easy access for the collection of cans (aluminum and steel), plastic bottles (all plastic types) and glass.

F) Mini Recycling Center (cont'd.)

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Picture 3 shows recyclables that are collected in the trailer and go to DART which in turn takes them to a redemption center.

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Picture 4 shows the cardboard collection bin (1 of 2 bins) at the Mini Recycling Center. Both bins were full on January 12-13, 2010